

**The Concord Police Department  
*and*  
Concord Substance Abuse Coalition  
Present:**



Concord Youth to Youth is an after-school drug prevention program coordinated by the Concord Police Department Community Resource Unit and Concord Substance Abuse Coalition. Youth to Youth was created as part of the Police Department's ongoing efforts to stop the illegal underage use of alcohol and drugs in Concord. For many years the Department has taken a proactive enforcement approach to the problem and wanted to add an educational component as well. Youth to Youth will supplement and carry on where the D.A.R.E. program leaves off.

After extensive research, members of the Concord Police Department traveled to Dover, NH where they met with the Dover Police and the Dover Youth to Youth group. Inspired by their success and outstanding performance, Concord decided to follow the Dover Youth to Youth model and start a group in Concord. (See Dover Youth to Youth at [www.doveryouth.com](http://www.doveryouth.com))

Concord Youth to Youth program launched in 2008-2009 at Rundlett Middle School involving 15-20 students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. The students participated in radio public service announcements, performed a skit at another schools D.A.R.E. graduation as well as several prevention initiatives inside the middle school. Due to the great success of the program it is now extending to the Concord High School where we look to expand on the groups accomplishments and leadership.

The Youth to Youth team will continue to have the opportunity to do a variety of fun and drug-free recreational activities, however, the primary function of Youth to Youth is to act as a youth empowerment program where students have the opportunity to take an active role in drug prevention initiatives.

The prevention projects that students can take part in for this school year are:

- Media productions, particularly creating radio ads.
- Presentations at schools, conferences and other locations.
- Community and School Awareness Programs.

As a substance abuse and violence prevention program, Youth to Youth seeks to empower youth to take on community issues by:

- providing students with the information that will allow them to form a point of view.
- providing them with the skills to take action to change something that they are not satisfied with, and then create the opportunities to put those skills to work in order to create change.

The Youth to Youth Team will challenge students as they learn life skills, becoming better leaders, presenters and educators. The benefits of the program are twofold in that there is a well received peer to peer prevention message, while student presenters experience personal empowerment and growth as productive citizens in the community.

The team will meet at the Rundlett middle school every Wednesday night immediately following the release of school. Transportation to Rundlett from the High School is available. Parents will be responsible for transportation from Rundlett at 5:00pm.

Students interested in joining the Concord Youth to Youth Team need to complete the application and liability waiver forms which are linked to this site. Youth and parent signatures are required prior to participation in team activities. Please return your completed, signed application to one of the Youth to Youth advisors listed at the bottom of this page.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact any of us below:

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